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SUBJECT: CIA Staff Intelligence Status Report

1. Since, by paragraph 1c (2) of NSCID 3 which interprets and implements the first clause of Sec 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947, the DCI is charged with the production of National Intelligence and, by definition contained in paragraph 1c (1) of NSCID 3 Staff Intelligence is that "intelligence prepared by any --- agency --- in order to meet its specific requirements and responsibilities," so far as CIA is concerned the two terms can be considered synonymous. However, since Staff Intelligence does not call for any coordination with the IAC whereas National Intelligence does require such coordination, this distinction may be the differentiation. Nevertheless the two types should not appear under the same heading.

2. It is my opinion that all intelligence produced by CIA should come under the heading of "National Intelligence" rather than "Staff Intelligence." Such a procedure will enhance the prestige of CIA when it is right and will deter the boys from going too far off the deep end when they are not sure.

3. If CIA is producing only Staff Intelligence, as this report would indicate, certainly the DCI is not fulfilling his job "to correlate and evaluate intelligence relating to the national security, and provide for the appropriate dissemination of such intelligence within the Government ---" but only furnishing or providing another intelligence agency to produce only its Staff Intelligence. The DCI should be the final word.

4. It appears to me that CIA is not following the procedures laid down in DCI 3/1, particularly in the preparation of its Intelligence Memoranda. At least there is no indication that IAC coordination is ever attempted in this production in spite of the means and methods set forth in paragraph 3 of DCI 3/1.


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